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4. [] JGO) Talked to Mr. Lee Williams, Administrative Assistant to Senator J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.), and told him that we had checked the name [] and the limited information provided but are unable to identify any Agency association. Mr. Williams thanked me for the advice and indicated he would call Mr. [] and handle the matter verbally. (See Journal item of 27 March 1970.)

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5. [] CEA) Picked up from Al Tarabochia, Chief Investigator, Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, a document on the Venceremos Brigade which had been requested by Mr. [] of the CI Staff.

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6. [] CEA) Provided to J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, a copy of suggested amendments to section 783(b) of the Internal Security Act of 1950 which had previously been discussed with Sourwine by Mr. Warner. I told Sourwine that we preferred to leave the language as it had originally been proposed because the Justice Department had agreed to this language. Sourwine accepted this and said he would see that the proposal gets before Senator Eastland.

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7. [] JMM) Mr. [] and I accompanied Mr. Carver, SAV, who briefed Messrs. Blandford and Slatinshek, of the House Armed Services Committee staff, regarding intelligence aspects of recent developments in Cambodia. See Memo for Record.

We informed Blandford and Slatinshek of recent developments regarding the SS-9 and ChiCom road construction in northern Laos.

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8. [] JMM) Mr. Joseph Wolf, Department of State, (Cochairman of the Interdepartment Working Group of the Symington Subcommittee) called about security problems in dealing with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. See Memo for the Record.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of House Armed Services Subcommittee
Staff on Cambodia

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1. This afternoon Mr. [] and I accompanied Mr. George Carver, SAVA, to meet with Messrs. Blandford and Slatinshek in response to Slatinshek's request for information on Agency reporting leading up to the Cambodian coup.

25X6 2. Mr. Blandford opened by complaining that the Agency had apparently been "caught flatfooted" in Cambodia as we had in Libya and these intelligence failures created problems for our Subcommittees in trying to defend the Agency's record. Blandford also complained that we find ourselves in the "ridiculous situation" of knowing more about [] He said a lot of questions were being asked about why, with all the money we are spending, we can't make a better showing.

3. Mr. Carver summarized the events leading up to the Cambodian coup, and concluded by pointing out that as a result of recommendations by Senator Mansfield, supported by State Department, we had no station in Pnom Penh. Blandford and Slatinshek professed amazement, Blandford remarking that "this of course explains the whole thing."

4. Mr. Blandford said that he thought our Subcommittee should know this story, and while the Director might be reluctant to take the initiative in volunteering it, they might call him in the near future and bring it out in the course of questioning.

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